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1. The shipment of pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies to North Korea by the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade prior to the outbreak of the Korean War was incomprehensible because these goods were in short supply in the USSR. Supplies of a military nature, such as small arms ammunition, were also sent, by rail, to North Korea. Crated, these items were labeled as ordinary commercial commodities (unidentified) and addressed to the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Pyongyang.

2. The Soviet Purchasing Commission also accepted orders from the North Korean Government for Soviet-manufactured trucks and ammunition. This was part of the barter-trade agreement existing between the two countries. Other than some "important" raw materials, unable to learn what the Soviets received in return under this agreement. These negotiations were conducted directly between the Koreans and the Soviets, and the Chinese Communists were in no way involved in these dealings.

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